

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez  
The Honorable S. Kate Vaughan

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

CAROL STEPIEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND  
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, an  
Agency of the United States, and  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,

Defendants.

Case No. C21-1166-RSM-SKV

JOINT STIPULATION AND MOTION

Noted for Consideration:  
March 31, 2022

Pursuant to the parties' previous stipulation and this Court's Order, Dkt. 15, the parties submit this joint status report regarding efforts to reach a resolution in the above-captioned case brought pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). The parties previously agreed to work cooperatively to attempt to resolve this litigation without motion practice and continue to make progress, however, this matter is not yet resolved. Therefore, the parties agree and stipulate to continue to work cooperatively towards resolution.

1 The parties propose to file a joint status report on or before May 31, 2022. If at any time  
2 in before then it becomes apparent that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties  
3 will submit a proposed schedule to the Court for motion practice.

4 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH PARTIES OF RECORD.

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6 DATED this 31st day of March, 2022.

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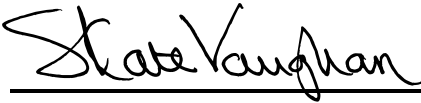
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**ORDER**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this 31st day of March, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. Kate Vaughan", written over a horizontal line.

S. KATE VAUGHAN  
United States Magistrate Judge